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THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

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RECORD OF DECISION

The following are the wilderness recommendations for 209 wilderness study areas (WSAs) in the State of California. These recommendations were developed from the findings of a 15-year wilderness study process by the Department of the Interior and Bureau of Land Management. The wilderness studies considered each area's resource values, present and projected future uses of the areas, public input, the manageability of the areas as wilderness, the environmental consequences of designating or not designating the areas as wilderness, and mineral surveys prepared by the U.S. Geological Survey and Bureau of Mines.

Based on our review of those studies, I have concluded that 2.3 million acres within 62 study areas should be designated as part of the National Wilderness Preservation System and that 4.8 million acres within 147 study areas should be released from wilderness study for uses other than wilderness. The acreage recommendations for each WSA, with which I concur, are listed in the following table. The Wilderness Study Report accompanying this decision includes a detailed discussion of the recommendations and maps showing the boundaries of each area.

In addition, I am recommending that 4 parcels of land containing 108,600 acres currently administered by the Bureau of Land Management be transferred to the National Park System for inclusion within the Death Valley and Joshua Tree National Monuments. Three parcels containing 103,800 acres would be added to the Death Valley National Monument and one parcel containing 4,800 acres would be added to Joshua Tree National Monument. This recommendation is the result of a study conducted by the Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, and Bureau of Mines. The study examined these and other proposed boundary adjustments and their effect on the manageability of the monuments. Based on my review of this study, I concur with the recommendation of the Bureau of Land Management and National Park Service. A detailed discussion of the recommendations, legal descriptions, and maps are included in the expansion report on the National Monuments that accompanies this decision.

Manuel Lujan Jr.

Secretary of the Interior

June 12, 1991

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California Wilderness Recommendations

WSA Name	WSA Number	Study	Acres Rec. for Wild.	Acres not Rec. for Wild.
Dead Mtns. North AD.	AZ-050-001	Yuma	0	2,029
Dead Mtns. South AD.	AZ-050-002	Yuma	0	903
Chemehuevi Mtns. AD.	AZ-050-003	Yuma	0	193
Chemehuevi/Needles AD	AZ-050-004	Yuma	938	0
Whipple Mtns. AD.	AZ-050-010	Yuma	1,343	120
Big Maria Mtns. North AD.	AZ-050-018	Yuma	0	495
Big Maria Mtns. South AD.	AZ-050-019	Yuma	0	1,431
Little Picacho Peak AD.	AZ-050-035	Yuma	0	2,925
Garcia Mountain	CA-010-012	Section 202 Statewide	0	80
Sheep Ridge	CA-010-022	Cent CA Section 202	0	5,102
Milk Ranch/Case Mtn.	CA-010-023	Cent CA Section 202	0	8,970
Owens Peak	CA-010-026	Central California	15,897	8,231
Sacatar Meadows	CA-010-027	Benton-Owens Valley	10,721	6,739
Rockhouse	CA-010-029	Section 202 Statewide	0	130
Domeland	CA-010-032	Section 202 Statewide	0	2,223
Caliente Mountain	CA-010-042	Central California	0	17,590
Piute Cypress	CA-010-046	Central California	0	3,453
Cerro Gordo	CA-010-055	Benton-Owens Valley	0	14,079
Southern Inyo	CA-010-056	Benton-Owens Valley	28,291	8,610
Independence Creek	CA-010-057	Benton-Owens Valley	0	6,458
Crater Mountain	CA-010-062	Benton-Owens Valley	0	7,069
Symmes Creek	CA-010-064	Benton-Owens Valley	0	7,694
Chidago Canyon	CA-010-079	Benton-Owens Valley	0	19,702
Fish Slough	CA-010-080	Benton-Owens Valley	0	14,700
Volcanic Tablelands	CA-010-081	Benton-Owens Valley	0	12,499
Casa Diablo	CA-010-082	Benton-Owens Valley	0	5,325
Excelsior	CA-010-088	Benton-Owens Valley	0	9,383
Granite Mountain	CA-010-090	Benton-Owens Valley	0	54,178
Walford Springs	CA-010-092	Benton-Owens Valley	0	12,840
Mormon Meadow	CA-010-094	Benton-Owens Valley	0	7,721
Mount Biedeman	CA-010-095	Benton-Owens Valley	0	13,069
Bodie Mountain	CA-010-099	Benton-Owens Valley	0	23,934
Bodie	CA-010-100	Benton-Owens Valley	0	16,482
Masonic Mountain	CA-010-102	Benton-Owens Valley	0	6,493
Slinkard	CA-010-105	Benton-Owens Valley	0	6,268
Machesna	CA-010-108	Section 202 Statewide	0	70
Pit River Canyon	CA-020-103	Alturas	7,443	4,281
Tule Mountain	CA-020-211	Alturas	0	16,998
Tunnison Mountain	CA-020-311	Eagle Lake-Cedarville	7,889	11,995
Bitterbrush	CA-020-604	Instant Wilderness Study	0	640
Five Springs	CA-020-609	Eagle Lake-Cedarville	0	49,206
Skedaddle	CA-020-612	Eagle Lake-Cedarville	37,644	24,366
South Warner Contiguous	CA-020-708	Section 202 Statewide	1,161	3,169

WSA Name	WSA Number	Study	Acres Rec. for Wild.	Acres not Rec. for Wild.
Timbered Crater	CA-030-201	N. Central	0	17,896
Lava	CA-030-203	N. Central	0	10,770
Yolla Bolly Contiguous	CA-030-501	Section 202 Statewide	0	646
Merced River	CA-040-203	Central California	0	12,959
Panoche Hills North	CA-040-301A	Central California	0	6,631
Panoche Hills South	CA-040-301B	Central California	0	11,229
Pinnacles	CA-040-303	Central California	1,983	3,966
Ventana Contiguous	CA-040-308	Cent CA Section 202	0	676
San Benito Mountain	CA-040-309	Instant Wilderness Study	0	1,500
Chemise Mountain	CA-050-111	Arcata	4,143	0
King Range	CA-050-112	Arcata	20,248	13,237
Red Mountain	CA-050-132	Red Mtn.	0	6,244
Big Butte	CA-050-211	Section 202 Statewide	0	2,408
Thatcher Ridge	CA-050-212	Eden Valley/Thatcher	0	16,918
Eden Valley	CA-050-214	Eden Valley/Thatcher	0	6,166
Rocky Creek/Cache Creek	CA-050-317	Clear Lake	0	33,561
Cedar Roughs	CA-050-331	Clear Lake	0	5,875
Agua Tibia	CA-060-002	Western Counties	344	0
Beauty Mountain	CA-060-020G	Western Counties	0	11,364
San Ysidro Mountain	CA-060-022	E. San Diego Sec 202	0	2,125
San Felipe Hills	CA-060-023	East San Diego	0	5,325
Sawtooth Mountains A	CA-060-024A	E. San Diego Sec 202	0	3,883
Sawtooth Mountains B	CA-060-024B	East San Diego	22,875	2,916
Sawtooth Mountains C	CA-060-024C	E. San Diego Sec 202	0	2,454
Carrizo Gorge	CA-060-025A	East San Diego	15,408	0
Table Mountain	CA-060-026	E. San Diego Sec 202	0	1,018
Hauser Mountain	CA-060-027C	Western Counties	0	5,540
Western Otay Mountain	CA-060-028	Western Counties	4,323	1,435
Southern Otay Mountain	CA-060-029	Western Counties	6,783	1,272
McAffee Creek	CDCA-100	California Desert	0	438
North Tip	CDCA-100A	California Desert	0	252
Toler Creek	CDCA-101	California Desert	0	1,122
N.W. Fishlake Valley	CDCA-102	California Desert	0	14,737
White Mountain	CDCA-103	California Desert	0	8,766
Cottonwood Creek	CDCA-104	California Desert	0	6,466
Wyman Creek	CDCA-105	California Desert	0	7,292
Antelope Spring	CDCA-107A	California Desert	0	1,054
Sylvania Mountains	CDCA-111	California Desert	0	18,984
Last Chance Mountain	CDCA-112	California Desert	0	40,254
Piper Mountain	CDCA-115	California Desert	0	70,793
Saline Valley	CDCA-117	California Desert	392,643	58,084
Lower Saline Valley	CDCA-117A	California Desert	2,154	4,264
North Death Valley	CDCA-118	California Desert	0	13,302
Little Sand Spring	CDCA-119	California Desert	35,792	0
Waucoba Wash	CDCA-120	California Desert	0	14,115
Saline Dunes	CDCA-121	California Desert	0	6,311

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Inyo Mountains	CDCA-122	California Desert	58,392	47,843
Hunter Mountain	CDCA-123	California Desert	20,030	6,579
Cerro Gordo Peak	CDCA-124	California Desert	0	54,081
Panamint Dunes	CDCA-127	California Desert	90,626	16,181
North Coso Range	CDCA-130	California Desert	0	10,103
Coso Range	CDCA-131	California Desert	0	26,486
Great Falls Basin	CDCA-132	California Desert	0	6,039
Darwin Falls	CDCA-132A	California Desert	0	7,438
North Argus Range	CDCA-132B	California Desert	0	27,348
Wildrose Canyon	CDCA-134	California Desert	14,079	27,708
Surprise Canyon	CDCA-136	California Desert	0	58,398
Manly Peak	CDCA-137	California Desert	0	31,754
Middle Park Canyon	CDCA-137A	California Desert	0	9,538
Slate Range	CDCA-142	California Desert	44,536	56,029
Funeral Mountains	CDCA-143	California Desert	23,004	33,392
Resting Spring Range	CDCA-145	California Desert	0	100,960
Greenwater Range	CDCA-147	California Desert	0	145,454
Greenwater Valley	CDCA-148	California Desert	22,811	35,689
Ibex Hills	CDCA-149	California Desert	0	39,111
Ibex Spring	CDCA-149A	California Desert	0	2,669
Nopah Range	CDCA-150	California Desert	79,868	47,051
South Nopah Range	CDCA-150A	California Desert	0	5,759
Pahrump Valley	CDCA-154	California Desert	0	34,289
Owlshead Mountains	CDCA-156	California Desert	121,912	3,427
Little Lake Canyon	CDCA-157	California Desert	32,225	819
Owens Peak	CDCA-158	California Desert	26,113	27,045
Cow Heaven	CDCA-159	California Desert	0	8,155
Horse Canyon	CDCA-160	California Desert	0	4,595
Kelso Peak	CDCA-160B	California Desert	0	7,297
Skinner Peak	CDCA-160C	California Desert	0	1,586
Frog Creek	CDCA-163	California Desert	0	10,399
El Paso Mountains	CDCA-164	California Desert	13,986	6,688
Golden Valley	CDCA-170	California Desert	29,113	10,292
Red Mountain	CDCA-172	California Desert	0	6,561
Blackwater Well	CDCA-173	California Desert	0	7,896
Grass Valley	CDCA-173A	California Desert	0	15,098
Black Mountain	CDCA-186C	California Desert	0	8,986
Newberry Mountains	CDCA-206	California Desert	20,291	4,078
Rodman Mountains	CDCA-207	California Desert	17,630	12,289
Bighorn Mountains	CDCA-217	California Desert	11,068	41,525
Morongo	CDCA-218	California Desert	6,410	0
Whitewater	CDCA-218A	California Desert	11,169	2,707
Saddle Peak Mountains	CDCA-219	California Desert	0	9,134
South Saddle Peak Mtn.	CDCA-220	California Desert	0	6,190
Avawatz Mountains	CDCA-221	California Desert	0	101,000

WSA Name	WSA Number	Study	Acres Rec. for Wild.	Acres not Rec. for Wild.
South Avawatz Mountains	CDCA-221A	California Desert	0	26,621
Kingston Range	CDCA-222	California Desert	34,369	248,562
Silurian Valley	CDCA-222A	California Desert	0	18,318
North Mesquite Mountain	CDCA-223	California Desert	0	28,124
Mesquite Mountains	CDCA-225	California Desert	0	50,957
Stateline	CDCA-225A	California Desert	0	8,764
Clark Mountain	CDCA-227	California Desert	0	14,275
Hollow Hills	CDCA-228	California Desert	0	29,187
Shadow Valley	CDCA-235A	California Desert	0	9,660
Magee/Atkins	CDCA-237	California Desert	0	13,371
Deer Spring	CDCA-237A	California Desert	0	2,293
Valley View	CDCA-237B	California Desert	0	3,233
Teutonia Peak	CDCA-238A	California Desert	0	2,783
Cima Dome	CDCA-238B	California Desert	0	20,989
Cinder Cones	CDCA-239	California Desert	41,701	11,842
Soda Mountains	CDCA-242	California Desert	0	118,537
Old Dad Mountain	CDCA-243	California Desert	0	57,036
Rainbow Wells	CDCA-244	California Desert	0	21,887
Eight-Mile Tank	CDCA-245	California Desert	0	22,473
Kelso Mountains	CDCA-249	California Desert	0	74,992
Kelso Dunes	CDCA-250	California Desert	46,405	110,017
Cady Mountains	CDCA-251	California Desert	0	77,015
Mesquite Spring	CDCA-251A	California Desert	0	18,648
Sleeping Beauty Mountains	CDCA-252	California Desert	0	23,282
Bristol/Granite Mountains	CDCA-256	California Desert	43,232	64,024
Lava Hills	CDCA-258	California Desert	0	23,141
South Bristol Mountains	CDCA-258A	California Desert	0	27,056
Marble Mountains	CDCA-259	California Desert	0	36,455
Clipper Mountains	CDCA-260	California Desert	0	43,448
South Providence Mtns.	CDCA-262	California Desert	24,238	7,352
Providence Mountains	CDCA-263	California Desert	59,681	2,265
Mid Hills	CDCA-264	California Desert	0	16,979
New York Mountains	CDCA-265	California Desert	0	43,980
Castle Peaks	CDCA-266	California Desert	43,519	3,824
Fort Piute	CDCA-267	California Desert	34,854	11,232
Table Mountain	CDCA-270	California Desert	0	8,452
Woods Mountains	CDCA-271	California Desert	0	44,162
Signal Hill	CDCA-272	California Desert	0	35,693
Dead Mountains	CDCA-276	California Desert	0	34,727
Piute Mountains	CDCA-288	California Desert	0	20,279
Essex	CDCA-288A	California Desert	0	13,331
Bigelow Cholla Garden	CDCA-290	California Desert	0	10,105
Sacramento Mountains	CDCA-292	California Desert	0	34,582
Stepladder Mountains	CDCA-294	California Desert	0	125,754
Pilot Peak	CDCA-295	California Desert	0	30,526

WSA Name	WSA Number	Study	Acres Rec. for Wild.	Acres not Rec. for Wild.
Old Woman Mountains	CDCA-299	California Desert	0	116,505
Ship Mountains	CDCA-300	California Desert	0	24,757
Cleghorn Lakes	CDCA-304	California Desert	0	26,324
Amboy Crater	CDCA-304A	California Desert	0	12,527
Sheephole/Cadiz	CDCA-305	California Desert	0	155,069
Turtle Mountains	CDCA-307	California Desert	116,480	147,792
Chemehuevi Mountains	CDCA-310	California Desert	61,853	0
Whipple Mountains	CDCA-312	California Desert	72,063	15,270
Big Maria Mountains	CDCA-321	California Desert	0	66,529
Rice Valley	CDCA-322	California Desert	0	48,133
Palen/McCoy	CDCA-325	California Desert	75,665	193,252
Coxcomb Mountains	CDCA-328	California Desert	52,782	18,211
Eagle Mountains	CDCA-334	California Desert	51,434	7,028
Pinto Basin	CDCA-334A	California Desert	0	3,604
Pinto Mountains	CDCA-335	California Desert	0	31,878
Santa Rosa Mountains	CDCA-341	California Desert	47,140	276
Mecca Hills	CDCA-343	California Desert	7,199	10,976
Orocopia Mountains	CDCA-344	California Desert	28,207	22,149
Chuckwalla Mountains	CDCA-348	California Desert	57,030	88,979
Little Chuckwalla Mtns.	CDCA-350	California Desert	0	44,889
Palo Verde Mountains	CDCA-352	California Desert	0	28,293
Indian Pass (Julian Wash)	CDCA-355	California Desert	31,493	891
Picacho Peak (Gavilan)	CDCA-355A	California Desert	5,455	2,179
Little Picacho Peak	CDCA-356	California Desert	0	39,547
North Algodones Dunes	CDCA-360	California Desert	25,716	940
South Algodones Dunes	CDCA-362	California Desert	0	51,375
Jacumba	CDCA-368	California Desert	26,128	4,483
Fish Creek Mountains	CDCA-372	California Desert	15,359	2,267
Coyote Mountains	CDCA-373	California Desert	0	10,954
Carson-Iceberg	NV-030-532	Section 202 Statewide	550	0
TOTAL ACRES			2,263,839	4,823,067

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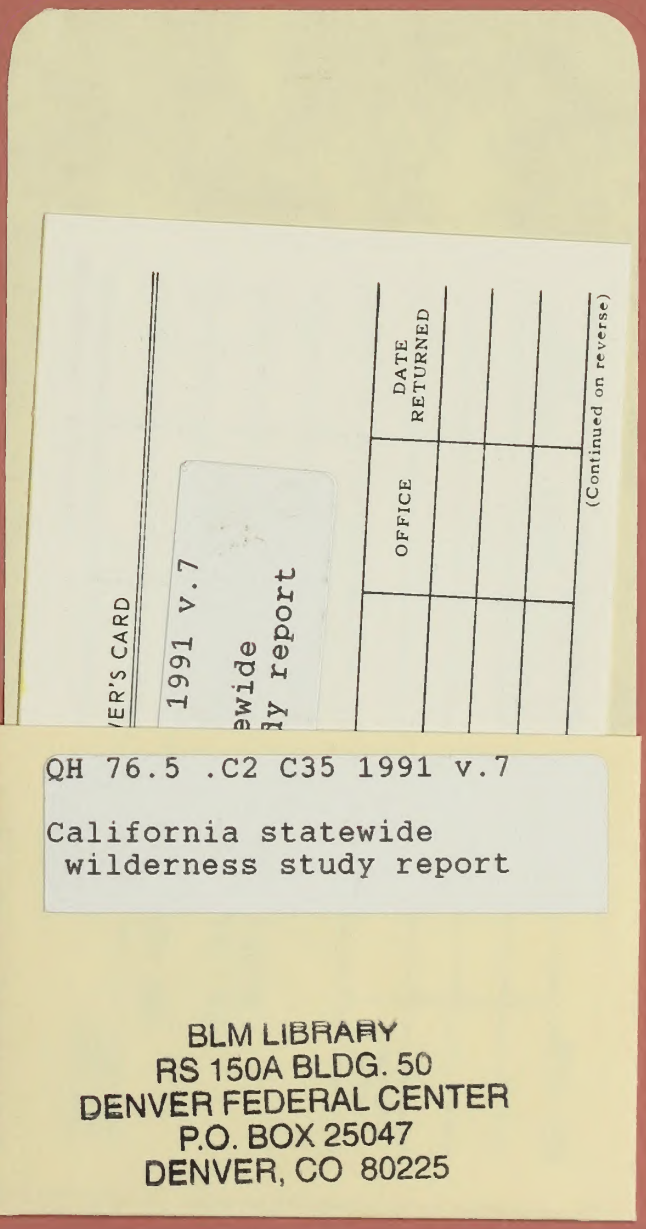

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